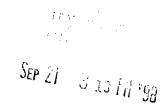


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VIA FACSIMILE TRANSMISSION

September 17, 1998

Ms. Alva E. Smith Office of General Counsel Federal Election Commission 999 E Street Northwest Washington, D.C. 20463

Re: MUR 4800

Dear Ms. Smith:

I am in receipt of the General Counsel's letter of September 1, 1998, which required a response to the above-referenced matter. Due to out of town business, I did not receive the letter timely and, therefore, could not respond by the date requested.

Pursuant to our telephone conversation, by way of this letter I am requesting an extension of time to September 25, 1998, to respond to the above-referenced Complaint.

Please be advised I have retained counsel. The information is provided on the Statement of Designation of Counsel which is attached hereto.

I look forward to prompt resolve of this matter.

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Enclosure

STATEMENT OF DESIGNATION OF COUNSEL

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| The above-named individual is hereby designated as my counsel and is authorized to receive any notifications and other communications from the Commission and to act on my behalf before the Commission. |
| 9. 17. 98. |
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